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Military Information from the Koenigsbrueck Troop Training Grounds

ENVIRONMENT

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11 to 26 August 1952

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 11 to 20 August, the Nachrichtenschule west of Hoeckendorferstrasse in Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31) was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia. On 11 August, three units, each of about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, marched to music played by a band from the Nachrichtenschule toward Neues Lager. They were followed by about 200 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Three trucks [redacted] occupied to capacity by officers and EN brought up the rear. During the period from 12 to 19 August, groups up to 50 men practiced firing, signal communication with telephones, and rifle firing with live ammunition from 50 to 100 meters, at the adjoining training area. Small groups up to 20 men were engaged daily in athletic and gymnastic activities at the installation.

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2. During the period from 12 to 20 August, source observed that fuel and ammunition were still stored at the Altes Lager northwest of the Koenigsbrueck railroad station. Thirty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were engaged daily in guard and fatigue duty.

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3. During the period from 12 to 20 August, no changes were observed in the vicinity of the Neues Lager west of the road to Schwepnitz. From the sound of artillery fire which continued day and night, source concluded that a major field exercise involving numerous guns including some of heavy caliber was conducted at the troop training grounds from the morning of 11 August until the evening of 12 August. Motor vehicles seen driving from the Neues Lager to Koenigsbrueck, or vice-versa [redacted]

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